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REQUEST FOR MISSING TERMINAL DISCLAIMERS

The reply filed on 11/24/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants' transmittal letter advised the Patent Office that six (6) Terminal Disclaimers were being filed. However, only TD's for U.S. Patent 6,593,367 and U.S. Patent Application 09/776,117 were received in the Office. TDs for the following should be filed:

U.S. Patent No. 6,323,239
U.S. Patent No. 6,541,520
U.S. Patent No. 6,395,783
U.S. Application S.N. 09/189,166.


See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theodore J. Criares whose telephone number is (571) 272-0625. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 A.M. to 5:00P.M. Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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